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## **VIA EXPRESS MAIL LABEL NO. EL527475233US BOX PATENT APPLICATION**

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U.S. Patent Application

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TIME STAMPING METHOD EMPLOYING MULTIPLE RECEIPTS

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2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES		240	126	240	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt.		
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